

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/995,457	OUWERKERK ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 1/23//04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 4/22/04.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Darin W. Harris on April 22, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

In amended claim 11, line 6, please insert -- at room temperature -- after the words : with the hydrogen.

Please add the following new claims:

17. (New) The hydrogen storage material of claim 1, wherein the room temperature is 25°C.

18. (New) The electrochemically active material of claim 11, wherein the room temperature is 25°C.

19. (New) The electrochemical cell of claim 12, wherein the room temperature is 25°C.

20. (New) The electronic equipment of claim 13, wherein the room temperature is 25°C.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The Applicant claims a hydrogen storage material comprising hydrogen and a magnesium-containing intermetallic compound capable of forming a hydride with the hydrogen at room temperature wherein the intermetallic compound includes an alloy of magnesium and a trivalent metal selected from a group consisting of Sc, Y, and the actinide series of rare earth elements.

Applicant claims an electrochemically active material comprising a hydrogen storage material as described above.

The Applicant claims an electrochemical cell comprising a positive electrode, and a negative electrode, the negative electrode including a hydrogen storage material as described above.

Applicant claims electronic equipment powered by at least one electrochemical cell, each cell comprising a positive electrode and a negative electrode, the negative electrode including a hydrogen storage material as described above.

In the prior art of record, Ovshinsky et al., U.S. Pat. No. 6,491,866 B1, claim a hydrogen storage material which comprises an alloy of magnesium and yttrium.

However, the prior art of record does not disclose the magnesium alloy capable of forming hydride with hydrogen at room temperature. Further, there is no suggestion in the prior art to form the hydride at room temperature since the examples teach a temperature of approximately 600 to 850 degrees C.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Angela J. Martin whose telephone number is 571-272-1288. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Ryan can be reached on 571-272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.



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